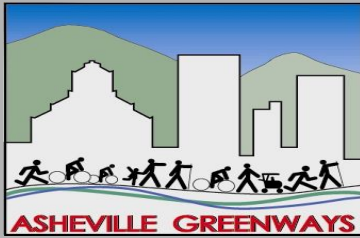


## GREENWAY COMMITTEE MEETING

November 14, 2013

3:30-5:00 pm

First Floor Conference Room-City Hall



## GREENWAY COMMITTEE MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the City of Asheville's Greenway Commission is to advise City Council on implementation of a system of greenways within Asheville by integrating City and County Parks and Transportation plans while educating and engaging the public and advocating for funding.

**Members Present:** Sue Barlow, Chairman, Ally Donlan Wilson, Vice-Chairman, Bryan Mitchell, Secretary, Stephen Jones, Mary Weber, Jim Grode, Marcia Bromberg.

**Staff Present:** Mariate Echeverry, Transportation Planning Manager, Roderick Simmons, Director, Parks and Recreation Department.

**Community Present:** Kimberly Williams.

- Chairman Barlow called the meeting to order at 3:30.
- **Review and approval of 11-14-13 agenda:** Jim moved and Marcia seconded and carried unanimously.
- **Review and approval of 10-10-13 minutes:** Stephen moved to approve the minutes as written, Marcia seconded and carried unanimously.

### **New Business:**

- **Greenway Committee Term Limits** - Sue stated:
  1. Two committee members' terms expire December 31, 2013 - Stephen Jones and Marcia Bromberg. Stephen will not seek a second term. Marcia would like to extend her term for six months until June 30, 2014 to coincide with her term expiration on the Multi-Modal Transportation Commission (MMTC).
  2. Mariate and Jim discuss the process to extend Marcia's term. Term extensions will need to be approved by city council. The Greenway Committee (GC) will recommend to the council. Bryan recommends and Mary seconded. Bryan recommends that Marcia's term be extended on the GC until June 30, 2014. The recommendation passes unanimously.
  3. Susan thanked Stephen for all of his wonderful service over the last three years. She stated that she looks forward to continued work between the Asheville Parks and Greenways Foundation, of which he is a board member, and the GC.
- **Burton Street Visit:** Sue stated:
  1. We may not be able to visit before end of the year. Mary talked with Burton Street Representative DeWayne Barton and he asked when we were planning on visiting. Ally suggests that we have tour in lieu of a future meeting and tour other proposed greenways in West Asheville at the same time. We will set aside the February meeting for the tour. The meeting will start earlier - at around 2pm. Mariate will inquire about transportation to the tour. Mary will talk with DeWayne. Marcia will talk with Brother Hug.

### **Old Business:**

- **Multi-Modal Transportation Commission (MMTC):** Jim stated:
  1. At the last meeting, there was a presentation on East of the Riverway Transportation Network. A concept with complete streets, greenways - on road and off, Dan Hardy from Renaissance presented. Concept was future oriented and focused on land use.

2. Discussion took place of the updates to Greenway Master Plan. Looked at certain greenways and the widening from a 10 ft to 12 ft pathway. Mary asked about Smith Mill Creek Greenway being 15 ft. It is unknown why this was included in plan.
3. Charlotte Street Study - Not a great answer from study. Mariate discussed the process of what is to happen with the study. Transportation will make recommendations to Council based on study.
4. Subcommittee of MMTC working on by-laws and rules. Not much progress due to conflicting schedules.

- **Social Media Protocol Update:** Mariate stated:

1. Now that GC is a committee, the city will need to advertise online and through email (outside of the city's website) in order to seek new committee members. New applicants need to have applications in by December 5, 2013. GC will discuss applicants at December meeting. Applications will be presented prior to the meeting via email.

### **Greenway Committee Updates:**

- **Community Outreach Committee Report:** Sue reported:

1. Amy has offered, as a friend of greenways in Asheville, to set up a social media presence. Marcia discusses the naming of the group without stepping over the bounds of the city's regulations.
2. There have been two articles the past two days on the first page of Asheville Citizen-Times about greenways.
3. Neighborhood Festival - Mary attended and spoke about the event. People were asking about the new greenway map. Stephen suggests going to the Chamber of Commerce or the Asheville Parks and Greenways Foundation for more maps. All who attended said the speakers were excellent.

- **Asheville Parks and Greenway Foundation Report:** Stephen reported:

1. Stephen introduced the new map produced by the Foundation and highlighted the sponsors on the front. The title is Heels and Wheels to Get Around Asheville.
2. The Foundation met this week at Carrier Park to discuss a plan to improve the park - namely the racing track/walk/bike circle (surface), water drainage, lighting, bathrooms. Foundation will raise money to help with improvements. GC will need someone to replace Stephen as liaison to Foundation.

- **Friends of Connect Buncombe County (FOCB) Update:** Marcia reported:

1. The group is working towards non-profit status with a legal team.
2. The group is working on its website.
3. A Kickoff Event is being planned to walk near one of the proposed greenways from West Asheville to the Farmer's Market. Looking at a Sunday event in the future.
4. Marcia attended a meeting for Friends of Hominy Creek Greenway. She reported the group has amazing plans for the future greenway.

### **Staff Updates:**

- **Transportation Update:** Mariate reported updates on a list of projects:

1. See the attached List of Projects.
2. The East of the Riverway Transportation Network meeting was not widely attended even with door to door canvassing. Attendees did bring up good questions and showed interest in the plan.
3. The Transportation Department is seeking ISO 14001 certification for its transit division. An RFP is out for consulting on the project. 2014 will be spent working on certification.

- **PRCA Update:** Roderick reported:

1. City Council approved the Greenway Master Plan at its last meeting.
2. Beaucatcher Greenway Update - it is now in the design phase and moving forward. The goal is to be at 80% complete by the end of the year with finalization in January 2014.
3. Clingman Forest and Town Branch Greenways are at a similar stage to Beaucatcher.

- **Planning:** No update

**Final Comments:**

- Bryan spoke about the Cape Cod Greenway Trail he visited in Massachusetts. He will send out a few pictures of signs and road crossings for ideas from another region on greenways.

Sue Adjourned at 4:32 pm